

drawn to nucleic acids encoding murine splice variant OB-Re polypeptide, vectors, host cells and method of producing polypeptide. The OB-Re polypeptide encoded receptor species corresponds to SEQ ID NO:10 and its nucleic acid corresponds to SEQ ID NO:9 as so elected.

With respect to a hybrid OB-Re receptor species Applicants now elect the hybrid species of leptin receptor wherein the N-terminal sequence is amino acid residues 28-796 (SEQ ID NO:87) and the C-terminal sequence is SEQ ID NO:15 after His⁷⁹⁶ (SEQ ID NO:91), wherein the numbering is based on the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:55. This species corresponds particularly to that of Claim 27, subpart c)(8), as amended in the response of November 21, 2002.

No fees are believed to be further necessitated by the foregoing response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby give to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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